GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:403
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Water Storage in Major Reservoirs
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether water levels in most of major reservoirs, except in the south, was at a comfortable level during the last two years and the current year;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for low level in reservoirs of Southern States;
(c) whether there has been a decline in the total storage capacity of the major reservoirs of the country in comparison with the storage achieved during the last year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(d) the measures undertaken by the Government to increase the water storage in major reservoirs of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
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(a) to (c) Central Water Commission (CWC) monitors live storage status of 91 reservoirs of the country on weekly basis and issues weekly bulletin on every Thursday. A comparison of region wise available live storage of the reservoirs monitored by CWC at the end of the monsoon season for last three years i.e. 2014, 2015 and 2016 is at Annexure-I. The main reason for the low storages is low rainfall in the catchment areas.

(d) Water resources projects are owned, constructed, maintained and operated by the respective State Government, and so, steps to ensure sustainability of water resources are undertaken by respective state Governments depending on their priority and resources for meeting various demands. In order to supplement the efforts of state Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance through various schemes and programmes.

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Annexure-I
Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) in respect of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 403 on Water Storage in Major Reservoirs for answer on 17.11.2016.

Region wise Storage Status of Major reservoirs at the end of monsoon season (September end) during last three years monitored by CWC

S No.	Region	Live Capacity at FRL (BCM)			Live Storage (BCM)			Storage percentage of live capacity at FRL		
		2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
1	Northern	18.01	14.64	15.52	13.70	81	86	76		
2	Eastern	18.83	15.42	13.28	15.60	82	71	83		
3	Western	27.07	20.03	16.83	22.00	82	62	81		
4	Central	42.30	35.02	32.48	38.60	83	77	91		
5	Southern	51.59	36.29	17.59	27.23	71	34	53		